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Better Schools for Kentucky.

The Legislature of Kentucky will have no more important question before it this winter than the improvement of our public schools. Better school houses, consolidated schools, agriculture in our country schools and better vocational training in our Normal Schools are good things. They are all things which we heartily favor. The educational problem, however, in Kentucky is none of these things. It is how to get the children into school and stamp out the blight of illiteracy. It is to make common schools of the State accomplish the purposes for which they were primarily established to give the children of the commonwealth some education, rather than give annual per cent. of them better education. The News wants to offer a practical suggestion which will go a long way toward solving the problem. For the State to give a bonus to the school district which leaves a local school tax; this will create local district pride in the school. To pay this teacher in part in accordance to the attendance in school; this will make the school teacher financially interested in having a large per cent. of attendance. A census taken of the number of illiterate children of school age when the regular census is taken so that we will know who the illiterates are, and where they are and how to reach them. These three simple things will do more to stamp out illiteracy than anything in the way of school laws the Legislature can pass.—Edinburgh News.

Work For Kentucky Congressmen

Mr. James will, of course, play a prominent part in the House leadership, particularly on the tariff question, since he is a member of the Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Stanley, as chairman of the Steel Investigating Committee, and probably author of a report which will outline the Democratic position on the trust question, will handle another prominent issue. Mr. Thomas, as Judiciary, will deal with weighty matters of legislation; to Mr. Johnson, will be intrusted the Government of the District of Columbia. Mr. Shelby will frame the fortification bill, carrying millions and have much to say about appropriations for the running expenses of the country. Mr. Rouse intends to ameliorate the working conditions of postal employees generally; tobacco and kindred questions will absorb Mr. Cantrell. The Eighth district member, Mr. Helm, is chairman of a committee

of inquiry into the War Department and military questions will co-operate Mr. Fields.

The Republican members, Messrs. Langley and Powers, have their programmes yet to frame. Senators Bradley and Paynter occupy important committee places, and belonging to different parties, will be deep in partisan and legislative questions during the session.

Bryan warns the Democrats of "reefs" which may be encountered. Mr. Bryan has an intimate personal knowledge of one "reef" which the party has thrice encountered and which it will strive to avoid in the future.

Taft says tariff agitation disturbs business. Precisely. He would have it so that his friends, the trusts, might, like the brook, go on forever, placidly and undisturbed by "agitation." Nothing would please him and them better.

A man named Potato has been arrested for flirting, and the Louisville Times hints that his front name might have been Mashed.

A REMINISCENCE.

The following incident as told by a correspondent of the Ironton Register, might have occurred, but the story sounds a little bit "fishy." The old steamer Boston ran between the mouth of the Ohio and Cincinnati. Ceredo is several miles above Catlettsburg, and how Col. Zeigler could have hailed the boat that distance is not known. The NEWS leaves it for others to explain.

General Jenins made a raid on Gayandotte, W. Va., and captured the 5th W. Va. Infantry which was being organized.

Col. John L. Zeigler, who was at Ceredo with four companies of the 5th W. Va. Infantry, received word to come to Gayandotte. He was ready to go at once.

The steamer Boston came in sight and Col. hailed it.

Captain Henshall motioned his boat that he could not land.

Zeigler had one small cannon with him which he ordered loaded. As they were taking sight on the boat Henshall rang the bell to land. As the boat struck the bank, Captain Henshall asked Zeigler where he wanted to go. He replied "to Gayandotte as fast as you can turn the wheels of the boat."

The boat cleared it seems she went to Gayandotte, about 15 miles, in about ten minutes.

As the command approached the top, the Col. saw two dead and wounded men, and also the dead horses.

The Col. swore a little and said "Bury the G—D town." At this time Major A. A. Thomson saw a man lying on the ground under the house. He said hold on Col. there are men under the houses.

Today one of the columns can be seen standing as a monument of the battle. And as both sides gaze at the many a war has been played even if it has been "fifty years ago."

"COMMODORE"

George W. Childs, a well known cigar man of Mayville, died in that city recently, after an illness of only one hour. Mr. Childs was in Louisa a short time ago.

MOUNTAIN MEN.

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ing until past midnight.

A feature of the campaign which was particularly pleasing to the man who from the background directed the fight was the fact that every faction within the party, whether local as in the city elections in Lexington and Frankfort, or State wide in proportions, was united in support of the State ticket, and, however, tense the factional feeling, doing its share toward winning the victory.

NEW COUNTY WANTED.

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would be situated about the center of the proposed county, a little nearer, however, to the Virginia State line, about fifteen miles from Whiteburg, the county seat of Letcher, and about forty miles from Pikeville, the county seat of Pike.

Pike, in area is the largest county in the State, while Knott and Floyd can easily spare a part of their territory. The part of Letcher from the mouth of Boone Creek up is a narrow nook, most of which was at one time a part of Pike.

Now that the coal and timber resources of this section are being rapidly developed, the population is rapidly increasing and the remoteness from either Whitesburg and Pikeville for the transaction of legal and other business makes it absolutely imperative that something be done, and that the formation of a new county with Jenkins as the county seat is about the only remedy. The new county, owing to its natural wealth, would be a source of much revenue to the State.

Many of the leading Democrats of the four counties from which the new county is to be carved are in favor of the project, and with the Legislature and Senate strongly Democratic and a Democratic Governor to approve of the proposition, the new county looks to be a sure go.

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WHO MORGAN SHUSTER IS.

A "kimono ball" at Bowling Green brought about the meeting between W. Morgan Shuster, Treasurer General of Persia, who is an international figure at present, owing to the Persian situation, and his wife, who was Miss Pearl Trigg, of Glasgow, Ky.

About nine years ago Miss Lottie Whitehead and Miss Elizabeth Wood of Bowling Green, while on a tour of the world visited Manila and there met Mr. Shuster, who was then United States Collector of Customs for the Philippine Island. Learning that Mr. Shuster was soon to return to America on six months' leave of absence, they invited him to attend a "kimono ball" which they proposed to give after their return home. They brought back with them from China and Japan a number of kimonos for use on the occasion by themselves and their girl friends.

Mr. Shuster came to America and attended the dance at Bowling Green. He met and escorted to the ball Miss Trigg, daughter of H. C. Trigg, the Glasgow banker, who was visiting her sister, Mrs. C. L. McElroy, at Bowling Green. Their acquaintance rapidly ripened into love and Mr. Shuster spent most of his vacation at Glasgow and in Louisville, where Miss Trigg spent some

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time on a visit to her sister, Mrs. John W. Vreeland.

When Mr. Shuster left America at the close of his vacation he took the Glasgow girl with him as his bride. They were married at Glasgow April 29, 1905. Mrs. Shuster and the two Shuster children are at Tcheran with Mr. Shuster. If things get too warm they will seek the protection of the American legation.

HIS INNER CONSCIOUSNESS.

Elsewhere in this paper John Langley gives his public reasons for the late defeat of his party at the polls. What Mr. Langley really knows to be the cause would make interesting reading.

BIBLE CIRCLE RESUMES.

Prof. Kennison has so far recovered his health that he was able to re-

sume his instruction to the Bible Study Circle Thursday night. The circle is a great factor for good, and all the members rejoice at the resumption of the work.

PROTRACTED MEETING.

The Rev. Roscoe Murray will begin a protracted meeting at the Baptist Church, this city Thursday night, Dec. 7. He will be assisted by ministers of this place as their time will permit.

WOUNDED HIS WIFE

The News learns through one of its correspondents Chattanooga, W. Va., that on Thursday night last Jay Adkins cut and wounded his wife at the home of her father. The wounds are on the neck and are not considered serious. The couple have not lived together recently but Adkins escaped.

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